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Cleon

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Always savage, never noble.

Black is the skin
that cries for a womb, safely
after birth.

Black is the skin
that tries for security, bloody
without manifest.

Always labor, never breathing.

Black is the skin
that's ripped and slashed
without mercy, always.

Black is the skin
I don't have but is a shade
away from violence.

Always fetishized, never loved.

Black is the soul
complicit in brutality and silently,
waiting to stop.